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SENATE BILL

No. 1553

Introduced by Senator Murray

February 23, 2006

An act to amend Section 660 of, to amend, repeal, and add Section 9250 of, and to add and repeal Section 9250.1 of, the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1553, as amended, Murray. Registration fee.

Existing law imposes a \$31 registration fee for the registration of a vehicle, as defined, or trailer coach of a type subject to registration under the Vehicle Code.

This bill would revise the registration fee, on and after January 1, 2008, for a vehicle or a trailer coach, *that is not a commercial vehicle*, in accordance with a schedule that is based on a vehicle's unladen weight. ~~The bill would exempt from the payment of these increased registration fees a commercial motor vehicle with an unladen weight of 10,000 lbs. or less that is required to pay specified unladen weight fees.~~ The bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to deposit the amount of the fee collected in excess of \$31 into the State Highway Account in the State Transportation Fund for the repair of existing highways pursuant to the State Highway Operation and Protection Program. The bill would authorize the department to retain from the increased registration fees in 2008 an amount to pay for the

department's administrative and computer programming startup costs in implementing the fee schedule.

This bill would make a conforming change.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 660 of the Vehicle Code is amended to
2 read:

3 660. The "unladen weight" of a vehicle is the weight
4 equipped and ready for operation on the road including the body,
5 fenders, oil in motor, radiator full of water, with five gallons of
6 gasoline or equivalent weight of other motor fuel; also equipment
7 required by law, and unless exempted under Section 66l, any
8 special cabinets, boxes or body parts permanently attached to the
9 vehicle, and any machinery, equipment or attachment which is
10 attendant to the efficient operation of the body or vehicle.
11 Unladen weight does not include a load or machinery or
12 mechanical apparatus, including, but not limited to, wood saws,
13 well-drilling machines, spray apparatus, tow truck cranes, and
14 grinding equipment. The unladen weight of a vehicle has no
15 application in determining a fee under this code, other than
16 Sections 9250 and 9400, or the Revenue and Taxation Code.

17 SEC. 2. Section 9250 of the Vehicle Code is amended to
18 read:

19 9250. (a) A registration fee of thirty-one dollars (\$31) shall
20 be paid to the department for the registration of a vehicle or
21 trailer coach of a type subject to registration under this code,
22 except those vehicles that are expressly exempted under this code
23 from the payment of registration fees.

24 (b) The registration fee imposed under this section applies to a
25 vehicle described in Section 5004, whether or not special
26 identification plates are issued to that vehicle.

27 (c) A trailer coach is subject to the fee provided in subdivision
28 (a) for each unit of the trailer coach.

29 (d) This section applies to all of the following:

30 (1) The initial or original registration, on or after January 1,
31 2004, of a vehicle not previously registered in this state.

(2) The renewal of registration of a vehicle for which the registration period expires on or after January 1, 2004, regardless of whether a renewal application was mailed to the registered owner prior to January 1, 2004.

(3) A renewal of a registration that expired on or before December 31, 2003, but for which the fees are not paid until on or after January 1, 2004.

(e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2008, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2008, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 3. Section 9250 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

9250. (a) A registration fee shall be paid to the department for the registration of a vehicle or trailer coach of a type that is subject to registration under this code, except a vehicle that is expressly exempted under this code from the payment of registration fees, in accordance with the following schedule:

Unladen Vehicle Weight:	Registration Fee:
0000 lbs. to and including 3,000 lbs.	\$31
3,001 lbs. to and including 4,000 lbs.	\$51
4,001 lbs. to and including 5,000 lbs.	\$71
5,001 lbs. to and including 6,000 lbs.	\$91
6,001 lbs. to and including 7,000 lbs.	\$111
7,001 lbs. to and including 8,000 lbs.	\$131
8,001 lbs. to and including 9,000 lbs.	\$151
9,001 lbs. to and including 10,000 lbs.	\$171
10,001 lbs. and more	\$191
<i>Unladen Vehicle Weight:</i>	<i>Registration Fee:</i>
<i>0 lbs. to and including 3,000 lbs.</i>	<i>\$31</i>

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3	5,001 lbs. to and including 6,000 lbs.	\$91
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8	10,001 lbs. and more	\$191

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10 (b) The registration fee imposed under subdivision (a) applies
11 to a vehicle described in Section 5004, whether or not special
12 identification plates are issued to that vehicle.

13 (c) A trailer coach is subject to the fee provided in subdivision
14 (a) for each unit of the trailer coach.

15 (d) This section applies to all of the following:

16 (1) The initial or original registration, on or after January 1,
17 2008, of a vehicle not previously registered in this state.

18 (2) The renewal of registration of a vehicle for which the
19 registration period expires on or after January 1, 2008, regardless
20 of whether a renewal application was mailed to the registered
21 owner prior to January 1, 2008.

22 (3) The renewal of a registration that expired on or before
23 December 31, 2007, but for which the fees are not paid until on
24 or after January 1, 2008.

25 ~~(e) The schedule in subdivision (a) does not apply to a~~
26 ~~commercial motor vehicle that is required to pay unladen weight~~
27 ~~fees under Section 9400. Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a~~
28 ~~commercial motor vehicle that is required to pay unladen weight~~
29 ~~fees under Section 9400 shall pay a registration fee of thirty-one~~
30 ~~dollars (\$31) to the department for the registration of the vehicle.~~

31 *(e) In addition to the fee assessed under Section 9400, an*
32 *owner of a commercial motor vehicle shall pay a registration fee*
33 *of thirty-one dollars (\$31) to the department for the registration*
34 *of the vehicle. The schedule in subdivision (a) does not apply to a*
35 *commercial vehicle.*

36 (f) The department shall deposit the amount of the fee,
37 collected pursuant to subdivision (a), in excess of thirty-one
38 dollars (\$31), into the State Highway Account in the State
39 Transportation Fund for the repair of existing highways pursuant

1 to the State Highway Operation and Protection Program
2 described in Section 164.6 of the Streets and Highways Code.

3 (g) This Section shall become operative on January 1, 2008.

4 SEC. 4. Section 9250.1 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

5 9250.1. (a) Notwithstanding subdivision (f) of Section 9250,
6 the department may retain from the amount of the fee in excess
7 of thirty-one dollars (\$31) collected pursuant to subdivision (a) of
8 Section 9250, an amount to pay for the department's initial
9 administrative and computer programming startup costs in
10 implementing the fee schedule in subdivision (a) of Section
11 9250.

12 (b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2008.

13 (c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1,
14 2009, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
15 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2009, deletes or extends
16 that date.